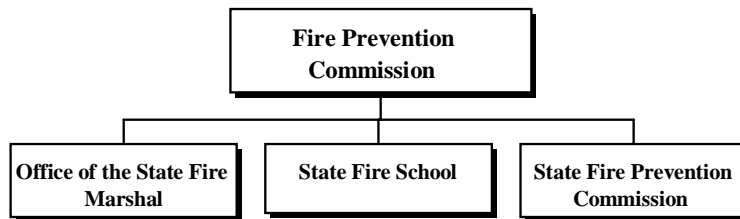
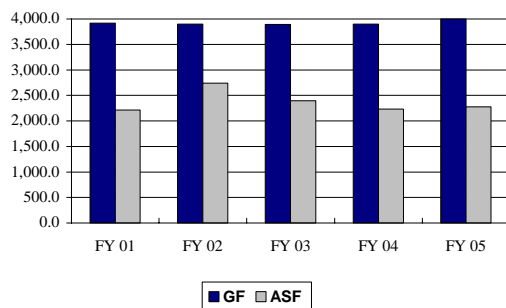


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Five-Year Appropriation History



FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	3,966.2	3,998.2	4,138.4
ASF	1,700.7	2,274.7	2,274.7
TOTAL	5,666.9	6,272.9	6,413.1

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	41.8	41.8	41.8
ASF	28.2	29.2	29.2
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	70.0	71.0	71.0

Marydel, Frankford, Greenwood, Gumboro, Laurel, Memorial, and Roxana Fire Companies.

FY 2006 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING BUDGET:

- ◆ Recommend one-time funding in the Office of Management and Budget Development Fund for computers and digital cameras. This equipment will be used in the field by fire marshals to enhance investigations of fire incidents and bring associated photo printing in-house.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

- ◆ Recommend \$135.0 for the purchase of rescue tools for the Newark, Christiana, Five Points, Goodwill, Wilmington Manor, Port Penn, Belvedere, Farmington, Leipsic, Little Creek, Magnolia,

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OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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MISSION

To provide the citizens of the state and all who visit, a fire safe environment, be it in the home, the workplace or wherever they pursue their varied lifestyles or interests.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To eliminate the loss of life and reduce injuries from the threat of fire by:
 - Suppressing arson;
 - Investigating all fire incidents to make an accurate determination of cause;
 - Providing thorough and complete supporting documentation of the investigative process;
 - Pursuing, apprehending and convicting those responsible for arson incidents;
 - Providing victim assistance in the aftermath of a fire; and
 - Disseminating findings to increase public awareness of fire and life safety issues.
- To maintain the highest levels of life safety in educational, health care, places of assembly, business, mercantile and institutional occupancies by:
 - Providing consistent, thorough and accurate compliance inspections and life safety surveys;
 - Attaining compliance with the State Fire Prevention Regulations through educational endeavors, carrying out inspection and survey programs which identify hazards to life safety and property conservation, and providing technical assistance to achieve corrective action; and
 - Responding to the needs and inquiries of the citizens of the state by taking action on their complaints and inquiries within 48 hours.
- To provide timely and quality service in the Plan Review and Approval Program, the Fire Protection Systems Certification and Licensing Program, and the Quality Assurance Program for Fire Protection Systems by:
 - Providing complete, accurate and timely reviews of project submissions, with preliminary approvals sent out within 72 hours, and

completion of the full review process within 15 days;

- Providing assistance to clients for understanding the technical requirements of the State Fire Prevention Regulations required for their projects; and
 - Ensuring that required fire protection systems are tested, inspected, or maintained.
- Enhance the level of public awareness regarding fire prevention and life safety by:
 - Increasing public appearances; thereby, increasing dissemination of fire safety information;
 - Reducing the loss of life and property for all citizens with a special emphasis on individuals with disabilities and adolescents who play with matches, lighters, or cause fires, often as a result of behavioral problems or curiosity; and
 - Educating citizens and visitors of Delaware about fire safety.
 - Report, analyze and disseminate fire incident statistical data from the 61 fire departments in the state.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The State Fire Marshal's Office operates under the direction of the State Fire Prevention Commission, which reports directly to the Governor. The office serves as the lead statewide investigative and law enforcement agency charged with investigating fire incidents and suppressing arson. The State Fire Prevention Regulations, as promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission, are the basis for the life safety inspections and property conservation surveys carried out by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Such inspections and surveys impact nearly all of the occupancies and buildings frequented by the public. Single-family dwellings are exempt from the provisions of the State Fire Prevention Regulations.

The State Fire Marshal's Office provides regulatory control in the areas of explosives, fireworks, amusement rides, places of assembly, health care facility certification and a variety of hazards such as flammable liquids and LP-gases.

The Technical Services Division of the Fire Marshal's Office provides a plan review and approval process for all new construction, alterations, and renovations of all buildings. Such an approval is required to be in place prior to counties issuing a building permit. Certification and licensing fire alarm system vendors and contractors

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provides a mechanism to ensure a level of quality control in the design, installation and operation of required fire protection systems.

In recent fiscal years, the following initiatives have been successfully completed or are in progress:

- With the signing of the Smoke Detector Law in Fiscal Year 1994, an on-going education campaign has been implemented to ensure that all residential occupancies have the basic minimum detectors to enhance survival levels in the event of a fire.
- On March 27, 2002, Governor Minner signed House Bill 216 creating the Fire Detection Fund that provides for the installation of hard-wired smoke detectors with battery back up to owner-occupied residential dwellings within the State of Delaware for those homes that are not protected by a working smoke detector. Priority will be given to homes with handicapped children, homes with handicapped adults, homes with infirm residents and homes with residents 62 years of age and older. Alliances have been formed with the fire departments, churches, civic organizations and the Department of Health and Social Services to identify homes in need of hard-wired smoke detectors.
- Continued the initiative to provide smoke detectors to families who are either in need, or are not aware of the benefits of having operational detectors in their homes. With assistance from local fire departments in the Wake-up Delaware Campaign, over 10,000 detectors were provided to needy citizens of Delaware.
- The Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program, established as a full-time program in Fiscal Year 1998, provides services to families for juveniles who play with matches, lighters, or cause fires, often as a result of behavioral problems or curiosity.
- The Quality Assurance Program for Fire Protection Systems reduced the number of overdue Certificate of Inspections by 30 percent from Fiscal Year 2002 to Fiscal Year 2004. Additionally, outstanding accounts receivable revenue collected for Certificate of Inspections rose by 80 percent from Fiscal Year 2002 to Fiscal Year 2004 due to new certificate submission procedures. With the addition of part-time inspectors, more inspections occurred during Fiscal Year 2004 resulting in a 33.6 percent increase in deficiencies reported, further enhancing public safety.
- Implementation of the Major Incident Response Team (M.I.R.T) for all fatal fire incidents in the state, using experienced investigators who apply a

consistent and thorough approach to the investigation.

- Gas Chromatograph-Multi Spectrometer laboratory instruments were placed in service in the State Forensic Laboratory with the cooperation of the Chief Medical Examiner. This initiative will permit the analysis of fire scene debris for all fire investigation and law enforcement agencies throughout Delaware, providing a vital link in the successful prosecution of criminal fires.
- Life safety inspections for all facilities of the Department of Correction and all schools are being completed.
- Monitor the installation of sprinkler systems in all student dormitories and student residential housing statewide, due to be completed in 2007, in accordance with 16 Del. C. §§8801-8807.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	1,788.5	1,847.8	1,931.3
ASF	1,691.9	2,213.7	2,213.7
TOTAL	3,480.4	4,061.5	4,145.0

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	23.8	23.8	23.8
ASF	28.2	29.2	29.2
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	52.0	53.0	53.0

ACTIVITIES

- Regulate safety in the storage, sale and use of any explosive, combustible or other dangerous article in solid, liquid or gas form.
- Ensure that the installation and maintenance of equipment intended for fire control, detection and extinguishment meets specifications.
- Determine the means and adequacy of exits, in case of fires, from buildings and all other places in which numbers of persons work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose.
- Assist the chief officer of any fire department upon request.
- Assist all required occupancies and the owners thereof, in meeting compliance with the Smoke Detector Law.
- Assist municipal Assistant State Fire Marshals, as identified in the Delaware Code, in support of fire investigations and technical questions relative to the State Fire Prevention Regulations.

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- Assist any local government that does not have a Fire Marshal or fire authority address code and regulatory problems stemming from local conditions and concerns.
- Enforce the State Fire Prevention Regulations.
- Analyze the need for additions or amendments to the State Fire Prevention Regulations. Prepare such information and recommend the appropriate action to the State Fire Prevention Commission.
- Conduct the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program.
- Conduct plan reviews and approval for all buildings and structures undergoing construction, alterations or renovations to ensure compliance with nationally recognized standards and practices relating to fire safety and property conservation.
- Coordinate Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System (DFIRS) compliance with new quarterly data submission requirements to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security.
- Administer the Amusement Ride Safety Act, 16 Del. C. c. 64.
- Increased public awareness regarding fire prevention and life safety issues to 4,000 children and 3,500 adults through the dissemination and delivery of life safety information at the Delaware State Fair.
- Assist various segments of business and industry to ensure buildings are fire safe.
- Identify specific target occupancies for inspections and surveys that have a fire incident history or special requirements with respect to life safety and property conservation.
- Actively participate as a committee member of the Governor's Drought Advisory Board.
- Actively participate as a committee member of the Delaware Emergency Management Weapons of Mass Destruction and Bioterrorism Committee.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Budget	FY 2006 Gov. Rec.
% fires cleared by arrest or determination of cause	94	95	95
% fires cleared by arrest*	28	31	29
% of repeat violation offenders	6	6	5
Average turnaround time for full plan reviews (days)	14	12	10
% Fire Marshal response to citizen inquiry within 48 hours	100	100	100
% schools receiving Life Safety Inspections	100	100	100
% requests for fire investigations resulting in Deputy Fire Marshal response within 15 minutes	100	100	100
# in attendance at public education events	33,622	36,980	39,500
% departments receiving breakdown of incident types**	35	50	75

**National average is below 20%.*

***Performance measure changed for FY 2006 Strategic Planning Process.*

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STATE FIRE SCHOOL

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MISSION

The mission of the State Fire School is mandated by 16 Del. C. §§ 6613 to 6618 and instructs the Delaware State Fire School to:

- Provide firefighters with needed professional instruction and training at a minimum cost to them and their employers;
- Develop new methods and practices of firefighting;
- Provide facilities for testing firefighting equipment;
- Disseminate information relative to fires, techniques of firefighting, and other related subjects to all interested agencies and individuals throughout the state; and
- Undertake any project and engage in any activity which, in the opinion of the State Fire Prevention Commission, will serve to improve public safety.

On July 1, 1972, the State Fire Prevention Commission was also given the mandate under 16 Del. C. §§ 6708 to 6714 to regulate the ambulance service in Delaware. The commission assigned the State Fire School the duties of inspecting and licensing ambulances and training and certifying ambulance personnel.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Provide firefighters, ambulance and rescue personnel with necessary professional instruction and training.
- Certify and re-certify Delaware Emergency Medical Technicians.
- Inspect and license public and private ambulances.
- Provide agency, institutional and industrial personnel and the general public with necessary professional instruction and training.
- Disseminate information relative to fires, techniques of firefighting and other related subjects to all agencies and individuals throughout the state.
- Develop new methods and practices of firefighting.
- Provide facilities for testing firefighting equipment.
- Provide fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel with the necessary training to combat weapons of mass destruction and terrorism.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In order to more effectively manage the State Fire School's training and education program, services for specific target audiences have been identified: (1) program services for firefighters and fire officers; (2) program services for ambulance and rescue personnel; and (3) program services for state agencies, institutions, industrial personnel and the general public.

Since its inception in 1964, the State Fire School has been sensitive to the need for quality training and education in fire protection. As the demand for programs and services increases, so does the need to select and qualify additional instructional personnel.

Strong emphasis is placed on improving the instructor development program for part-time personnel. Instructor candidates are trained in instructional methodology and then trained to teach specific subject areas. Active instructors are cross-trained in high priority subject areas to help the school meet its program service demands as well as improve the individual's professional ability. All instructors are required to attend improvement seminars as scheduled by the Fire School in order to maintain their certification.

Continued emphasis is placed on planning and evaluation. Existing courses of instruction are reviewed and revised to ensure their content is current and consistent with new concepts and techniques.

In addition to conducting the normally scheduled activities and meetings, and honoring special requests for programs and services, progress continues to be made towards improving program quality. Emphasis is placed on improving program management and cost analysis to improve cost effectiveness.

FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	1,982.7	1,929.8	1,983.1
ASF	3.6	50.0	50.0
TOTAL	1,986.3	1,979.8	2,033.1

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	17.0	17.0	17.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	17.0	17.0	17.0

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ACTIVITIES

- Train, test and certify fire service personnel under the National Professional Qualification System.
- Provide emergency medical technicians with the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course of 140 hours as well as annual cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and semi-annual external defibrillator certification and recertification.
- Continue the testing program for Fire Alarm and Fire Protection System Installers as required by the State Fire Code.
- Partner with the Dupont Company to provide national certification for their specialty training division programs.
- Provide continuing education training for public education and the fire service to implement Fire Safety Education in grades K-6.
- Offer continuing education programs for fire department personnel, emergency care providers, part-time instructional staff and agency, institutional and industrial staff.
- Achieve International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) accreditation for curriculums provided.
- Implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training in conjunction with DEMA.
- Serve on the State Emergency Response Team (SERT).

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Budget	FY 2006 Gov. Rec.
# programs	770	900	900
# students - fire/rescue	8,091	7,000	7,000
# students – Emergency Care	2,502	3,000	3,000
# students - industry	1,185	2,000	2,000
# students -Haz. Mat. Tech Program	267	500	400
# students - Fire Safety	53,357	40,000	40,000
# fire safety programs	173	250	250

Approximately 350 new firefighters are trained each year with an average of 98 percent finishing basic training.

There are approximately 130 new ambulance attendants trained annually and 1,000 are re-certified.

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MISSION

The mission of the State Fire Prevention Commission is mandated by 16 Del. C. c. 66 as follows:

- To promulgate, amend and repeal regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from hazards of fire and explosion;
- Appoint the State Fire Marshal and the Fire School Director. The commission shall have complete jurisdiction and management over the State Fire School;
- To authorize new fire companies or substations, resolve boundary and other disputes, and prohibit cessation of necessary fire protection services;
- Ensure a high level of public safety for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion; and
- Oversee statewide basic life support ambulance service.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Promulgate, amend and repeal the State Fire Prevention Regulations, State Fire Service Standards, and State Ambulance Service Regulations.
- Provide a direct liaison between state government and the statewide volunteer fire service.
- Inspect and license Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support ambulances.
- Certify ambulance attendants and emergency medical technicians.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The State Fire Prevention Commission consists of seven members who serve without compensation and are responsible for developing the fire policy information base. The State Fire Marshal reviews the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations on an annual basis and reports findings and any recommended changes to the Fire Commission. The regulations are reviewed and updated every three years. Effective July 1, 1995, Live Fire Training Regulations and Burn Regulations were adopted by the commission, becoming a part of the regulations. Effective July 30, 1997, the State Ambulance Service Regulations were adopted by the commission.

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FUNDING

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	195.0	220.6	224.0
ASF	5.0	11.0	11.0
TOTAL	200.0	231.6	235.0

POSITIONS

	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 GOV. REC.
GF	1.0	1.0	1.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1.0	1.0	1.0

ACTIVITIES

- Provide the vital link between the fire service and the executive branch of government.
- Provide a technically competent code-making body.
- Administer funding for a statewide fire safety education program.
- Administer funding for extraordinary expenses incurred by fire companies in the state.
- Implement statewide Fire Safety Strategy and Policy.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Budget	FY 2006 Gov. Rec.
# meetings - monthly, special	14	12	12
# hearings - public, appeal, grievance	13	12	9
# commission committee meetings	4	8	28
# commission special interest functions	6	9	12
# fire service related functions	118	75	120
# emergency service functions	18	10	40
# special meetings	16	9	10
# conferences attended	11	9	9